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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: 0 Contact with AECASSOWARY-15 on 20 June 1958

Contact with Subject was made in his home at 1400 hours on 20 June 1958 by ☐ and ☐. The following was discussed.

1. ~~Mr.~~ Paul Meskil* is leaving for the USSR about 3 July. He recently travelled to Eastern Europe, including Poland. A friend of his, ~~Horst~~ Petzall* via Kardashinets (a Trans-Carpathian Ukrainian working with Radio Free Europe in New York and well known to the AECASSOWARIES) approached Prokop and requested a meeting for Meskil with Prokop. He is interested in making some contacts with Ukrainians in the Ukraine and wants information regarding points of interest. Prokop requested that Meskil's name be checked out with us. He does not plan to give Meskil names of any individuals in the Ukraine, however, he would like to brief him regarding generalities, what to look for, places of interest to visit and places where contacts might be sought (universities, etc.).

Case Officer Comment: Traces were made on Meskil and Petzall and AECASSOWARY-15 was notified that no derogatory information was found in our records but that great caution should be exercised in any discussions with Meskil. AECASSOWARY-15 assured the undersigned that no information of intelligence value would be discussed with Meskil and that no names of individuals would be passed on to him. The undersigned requested that a report be submitted of any information obtained from Meskil on his return to the United States.

2. The AECASSOWARIES have noted in the review of foreign broadcasts a number of incorrect translations which they feel are intentional, to play down the obvious policy of Russification in the USSR. Subject was told that this could very well be merely an innocent error on the part of the translators but that notes should be made of these mis-translations to determine whether or not it actually is a trend on the part of the translators.

3. The following was reported by ~~Olga~~ Olona Horbach (West-German-Ukrainian journalist who visited Moscow Youth Festival). O. Horbach was in East Berlin in late May or early June where she had contact with a Ukrainian professor from Lviv. While she was in Moscow at the Festival, O. Horbach met some Ukrainians. One of them, the professor from Lviv, kept in touch with her. He wrote her that he was coming to East Berlin and wanted to see her. He asked her to bring along some scientific books in the German language. He came with a group of others led by a German Intourist official who was not opposed to O. Horbach's mixing in with the group. O. Horbach and the professor exchanged books. He gave her several recently published books by Ukrainian writers and scientists. O. Horbach and the professor discussed the following.

a. There is now a relaxation of the Ukrainianization in the Ukraine.

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b. Except for the technical institutes, lectures in most of the Ukrainian universities continue in the Ukrainian language.

c. Krushchev is quite popular in the Ukraine because he has brought about changes which have made life easier.

d. Many Ukrainians from the surrounding areas of Lviv are moving into Lviv and it is beginning to lose its Russified character.

e. There is a close check made directly from Moscow on everyone permitted to travel to Brussels.

f. There is great disappointment in the Western attitude toward the nationalities in the Soviet Union.

g. The Ukrainians are beginning to feel that if there is no hope in the West, there is nothing left for them to do but to get into the Communist party and exploit it as much as possible for their own gains.

h. The Ukrainians keep questioning why the BBC does not broadcast in the Ukrainian language.

4. Subject stated that there has been a new book published in 1958 by the Kiev State University under the title of ATOMNA PROBLEMA U ZOVNYSHNIY POLITICHI USA (THE ATOM PROBLEM IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE U.S.A.). Author of the book is ~~W.~~ V. A. Taransenko.

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Now: New York World Telegram and Sun
Staff writer, reporter.

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Re-write and reporter

St. Louis Globe-Democrat 1944
Reporter

New York Daily News 1951
Telegraph desk

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Ireland and Europe 1953
Europe and North Africa 1955

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SR/10 has no record of interest in Petzall.

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